## Fifth District Court of Appeal, State of Florida 300 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AO5D21-01

**RE: ORAL ARGUMENTS** 

In light of the Court's successful use of remote access technology to hold oral arguments during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fifth District Court of Appeal has determined to continue to make available the option of remote access video oral arguments in lieu of inperson oral arguments as the Court transitions to post-pandemic operations.

Beginning July 1, 2021, within seven days after a request for oral argument is filed, any party may file a request that the oral argument be held via remote access video technology. Such request must contain a short statement, not to exceed two pages, as to the reasons for the request. All other parties shall have seven days from the filing of the request for remote access video oral argument within which to file a response, which also shall not exceed two pages. Failure to comply with these time requirements will result in a waiver of the opportunity to be heard on whether the oral argument should be by remote access video or in person.

The merits panel will decide, by majority vote, whether to grant the request that the oral argument be held via remote access video technology. Once decided, the scheduled manner of oral argument, whether in person or video, is not subject to change absent extraordinary circumstances being shown and all parties to the case shall appear in the manner decided by the merits panel.

Notwithstanding the above, attorney appearances in response to an order to show cause on sanctions will always be conducted in person absent extraordinary circumstances.

The court reserves the right to sua sponte order that an oral argument be held via remote access video technology.

DONE and ORDERED at Daytona Beach, Florida on this 8th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Williams, Clerk of Court